

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S5625–S5673

Measures Introduced: Sixteen bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 1278–1293, and S.J. Res. 20. **Page S5667**

Measures Reported:

S. 1283, making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014. (S. Rept. No. 113–70)

S. 1284, making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014. (S. Rept. No. 113–71) **Page S5667**

Measures Passed:

Kay Bailey Hutchison Spousal IRA: Committee on Finance was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 2289, to rename section 219(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 as the Kay Bailey Hutchison Spousal IRA, and the bill was then passed. **Page S5672**

Authorizing the Use of Emancipation Hall: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 43, authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for a ceremony honoring the life and legacy of Nelson Mandela on the occasion of the 95th anniversary of his birth. **Page S5673**

National Day of the American Cowboy: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 191, designating July 27, 2013, as “National Day of the American Cowboy”, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S5673**

Measures Considered:

Keep Student Loans Affordable Act: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 1238, to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to extend the current reduced interest rate for undergraduate Federal Direct Stafford Loans for 1 year, to modify required distribution rules for pension plans. **Pages S5625–28**

Cordray Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Richard Cordray, of

Ohio, to be Director, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection. **Pages S5651–52**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Tuesday, July 16, 2013. **Page S5673**

Griffin Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Richard F. Griffin, Jr., of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board. **Page S5652**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Richard Cordray, of Ohio, to be Director, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection. **Page S5673**

Block Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Sharon Block, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board. **Page S5652**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Richard F. Griffin, Jr., of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board. **Page S5673**

Pearce Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Mark Gaston Pearce, of New York, to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board. **Page S5652**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Sharon Block, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board. **Page S5653**

Hochberg Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Fred P.

Hochberg, of New York, to be President of the Export-Import Bank of the United States.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Mark Gaston Pearce, of New York, to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board.

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Perez Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Thomas Edward Perez, of Maryland, to be Secretary of Labor.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Fred P. Hochberg, of New York, to be President of the Export-Import Bank of the United States.

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McCarthy Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Regina McCarthy, of Massachusetts, to be Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Thomas Edward Perez, of Maryland, to be Secretary of Labor.

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Nomination Received: Senate received the following nomination:

William Ward Nooter, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of fifteen years.

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:50 p.m., until 2 p.m. on Monday, July 15, 2013. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of

the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5673.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Appropriations: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

An original bill (S. 1284) making appropriations for Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014; and

An original bill (S. 1283) making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE OPERATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee received a closed briefing on Department of Defense operations conducted pursuant to the 2001 Authorization for Use of Military Force and the presidential policy guidance on counterterrorism from Michael G. Vickers, Under Secretary for Intelligence, Michael A. Sheehan, Assistant Secretary for Special Operations and Low-Intensity Conflict, Vice Admiral Kurt W. Tidd, USN, Director for Operations, and Commander William Gallagher, both of the Joint Staff, J3, and Brigadier General Richard Gross, Legal Counsel to the Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, all of the Department of Defense.

WALL STREET REFORMS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine mitigating systemic risk through Wall Street reforms, after receiving testimony from Mary J. Miller, Under Secretary, and Thomas J. Curry, Comptroller of the Currency, both of the Department of the Treasury; Daniel K. Tarullo, Member, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System; and Martin J. Gruenberg, Chairman, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

U.S. TERRITORIES BILLS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 1237, to improve the administration of programs in the insular areas, and S. 1268, to approve an agreement between the United States and the Republic of Palau, after receiving testimony from Representatives Faleomavaega, Christensen, Bordallo, Sablan, and Pierluisi; Eileen Sobeck, Acting Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Insular Areas; Vikram J. Singh, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for South and Southeast Asia, Office of the Secretary of Defense for